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AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action mailed on December 26, 2002. Kindly reconsider the above-described application in view of the remarks set forth below.

REMARKS

The prior art rejections are summarized as follows.

Claims 49-53 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(a) over Wengel et al. (WO 99/14226: March 25, 1999).

Claims 49-53 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over Backman et al. (US Patent 5,792,607) in view of Singh et al. (*Chem Communications*, February 1998).

Each of the rejections is traversed. The cited documents fail to teach or suggest the kits of the present invention in a manner to sustain a rejection under 35 USC §102 or §103.